पर प्रति यात्री अधिक से अधिक 100 किलोग्राम की मात्रा तक चांदी का आयात कर सकते हैं।

(ग) 14 फरवरी, 1993 तक की अवधि के दौरान, लगभग 20 मीटरी टन चांदी का आयात किया गया है जिससे लगभग एक करोड़ रुपये की राजस्व प्राप्त हुई है।

Pending cases before Central Excise and Customs Tribunal

71. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases on which a final hearing has taken place but the judgement of Central Excise and Customs Tribunal benches located in Delhi is still pending for more than three months;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 500 such cases are pending before the President and Vice-President each, on which hearing has been completed but final judgement has not been given;

(c) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in deciding such cases; and

(d) whether Government will take steps to ensure that judgements on such cases are given within three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) 82 cases.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Tribunal being a quasi-judicial and final fact finding body, has to carefully consider the technical and legal issues raised by the parties and pass speaking orders.

(d) The question of stipulating a time limit for delivering judgements after completion of hearings is being examined

Pending case of Jaipur Udyog Ltd.

72. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jaipur Udyog Ltd. was a sick unit which owed money to the State Bank of India;

(b) whether any settlement has been reached on the question for recovery of loan extended to this company by the State Bank of India;

(c) whether the said unit has been privatised, and if so, what are the details of the purchaser;

(d) whether the matter is in any way pending before the BIFR; and

(e) if so, the stage at which the matter is pending at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that M/s. Jaipur Udyog Ltd. (JUL) is a sick industrial company under Section 15(2) of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The present outstandings due to the SBI are Rs. 808 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The BIFR sanctioned a scheme for rehabilitation of JUL on 21.4.1992. Under the scheme, the management and ownership of the company was proposed to be taken over by Gannon Dunkerlay and Company Ltd. (GDCL) as the new promoters, who were to bring in Rs. 607 lakhs upfront, of which 50 per cent was to be brought in immediately on the sanction of the scheme. However, the new promoters have not so far brought in any contribution and so the scheme has not been implemented.

(d) and (e) Since the GDCL have not brought in the necessary contribution,

BIFR has been requested by SBI, through the Operating Agency, to review the scheme. Further; appeals have also been filed before the Appellate Authority for Industrial and financial Reconstruction (AAIFR) against the scheme sanctioned by the BIFR, by the workers' union of JUL and others.

unsatisfactory performance of World Bank aided projects

73. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the aided projects in India has been found unsatisfactory by the World Bank and International Delopment Association; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) No Sir.

The implementation of projects implementated with World Bank assistance is depended on specific factors relating to the scope and nature of each project. Delayed utilisation in some projects arises from a number of factors which include exchange rate fluctuations, inadequate provision of counterpart funds, and other project specific issues. Such problems sometimes lead to a delay in utilisation of World Bank assistance which is taken care of through extension of time or restructuring of the project. Other steps to improve implementation include regular monitoring and reviews and streamlining of procedures for procurement etc.

Raising income tax exemption limit

74. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise Income Tax exemption limit upto Rs. 30,000/-; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Sir, in view of the proximity to the presentation of the Budget for 1993-94, nothing can be said about Government's view on this issue at this stage.

बैंकों को भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की हिदायतें

75. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे**: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने बैंकों को घाटे में चलने वाले बिजली बोर्डों को ऋण नहीं देने की सलाह दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने राज्य बिजली बोर्डों की आर्थिक स्थिति पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव की जांच की है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथा उपलब्ध तथा नियमों के अन्तर्गत अनुज्ञेय सूचना सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।